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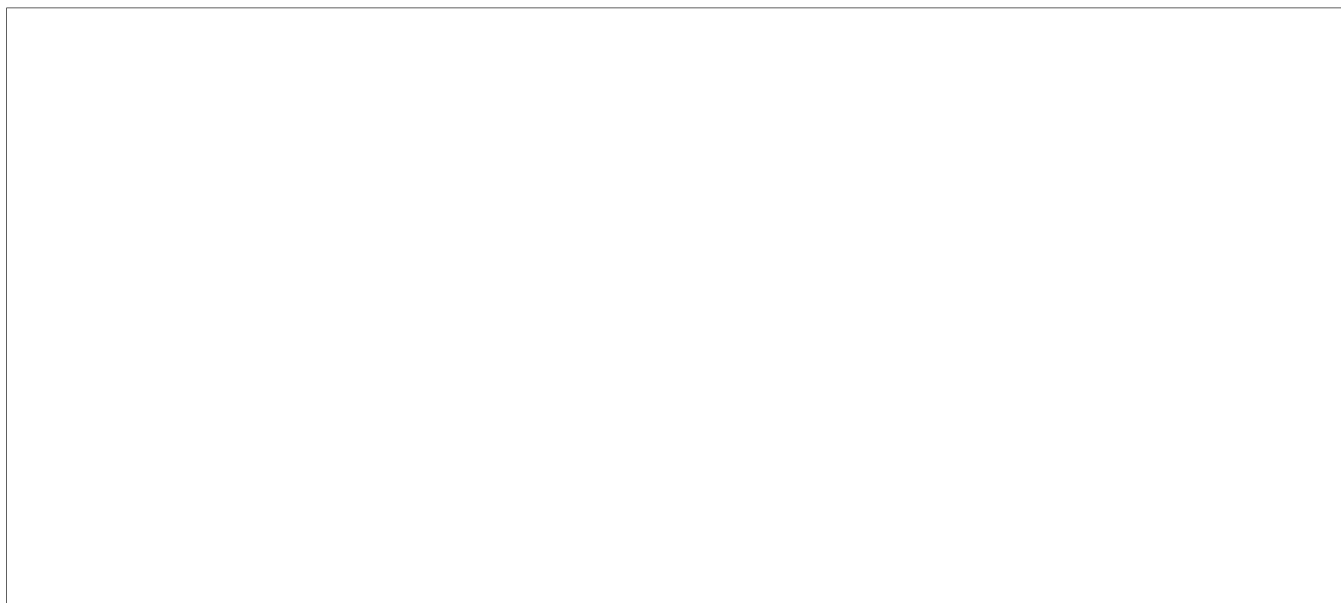
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senate Energy Committee on Worldwide Oil Outlook

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1. Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources were briefed on 20 January in SHOB-219. The following Senators attended: Bingaman, Bradley, Conrad, Domenici, Evans, Ford, Fowler, Hecht, Melcher, Nickles, and Wirth. Staffers present were: Patricia Beneke, Lee Brillhart, James Bruce, Benjamin Cooper, Frank Cushing, Gina Despres, Gary Ellsworth, John Gilman, Richard Grundy, Michael Harvey, Bruce MacDonald, Marilyn Meigs, Elizabeth Moler, Daniel Owen, Amy Owens, and Howard Useem. Briefers were \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Global Issues/DI; \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Global Issues/DI; and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis/DI. \_\_\_\_\_ OCA also attended.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ made a brief opening statement (copy attached) which set the tone for the questions which followed from the members during the next 90 minutes. Major concerns of the Committee centered on various scenarios of oil supply and demand, and how these would affect world oil prices and U.S. oil dependency. Other questions centered on the Gulf War, especially the status and possible consequences of the current Iranian attacks in the Basrah area, \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Several questions were raised concerning the U.S. oil situation and related policies and these were deferred to the Department of Energy.

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